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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed May 27, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive, because:

Applicants argument of unexpected results is not persuasive. The art cited by the applicant does show that other inventors have selected different nucleating agents other than kenaf. However, it fails to show the unexpected nature of the applicants nature. While others may have chosen other nucleating agents, there is no data of record to show that the improved crystallization of the instant application would be unexpected based on these references. To properly show the unexpected nature of the invention, the applicant would be required to show, through empirical data, possible in a declaration, that the inventions results are unexpected with regard to the conventional nucleating agents cited in the arguments (pages 4).

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